GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RESENTMENT AGAINST TOLL TAX
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is resentment against heavy and excessive toll tax on roads and bridges ;

(b) the method on which the toll taxes determined for different roads and bridges; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to reform toll tax system?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) Generally payment of toll tax (user fee) on National Highways is acceptable to users. However, there could be few cases of resentment.

(b) The toll tax (user fee), rates per kilometer, for 4-laned National Highway sections is determined as per notification issued in September, 1997, which is based on savings accrued in vehicle operating costs and other perceived benefits. The amount of toll tax in respect of permanent bridges is determined as per the notification issued in 1997 and amended in December, 2001, wherein the limit of exemption from levy of toll tax has been increased from `bridges costing Rs. 1 crore` to `bridges costing Rs. 5 crores` . For projects on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) scheme, the rates of toll are based on Concession Agreement.

(c) Does not arise.